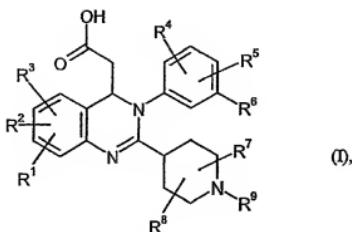


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented): A compound of formula (I)



in which

R¹, R² and R³ independently of one another represent hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy, carboxyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aminocarbonyl, trifluoromethyl, halogen, cyano, hydroxyl or nitro,

R⁴ and R⁵ independently of one another represent hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, cyano, halogen, nitro, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy,

R⁶ represents alkyl, cyano, halogen, nitro or trifluoromethyl,

R⁷ and R⁸ independently of one another represent hydrogen, halogen, alkyl or alkoxy and

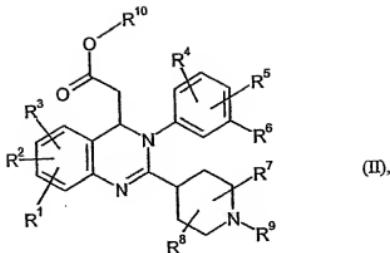
R⁹ represents aryl or 1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl, where aryl and 1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl may be substituted by 1 to 3 substituents, where the substituents independently of one another are selected from the group consisting of alkoxy, alkylthio, carboxyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aminocarbonyl, trifluoromethyl, halogen, carbamoyl, cyano, hydroxyl, amino, alkylamino, nitro and optionally hydroxyl-substituted alkyl,

or a salt thereof.

2. (previously presented): The compound according to Claim 1, whereby R¹, R² and R³ independently of one another represent hydrogen, methyl, fluorine, chlorine, cyano, hydroxyl or aminocarbonyl, R⁴ and R⁵ independently of one another represent hydrogen, fluorine, C₁-C₄-alkyl or C₁-C₄-alkoxy, R⁶ represents chlorine, nitro, trifluoromethyl, methyl, isopropyl or tert-butyl, R⁷ and R⁸ independently of one another represent hydrogen or C₁-C₃-alkyl and R⁹ represents phenyl or 1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl, where phenyl may be substituted by 1 to 3 substituents, where the substituents independently of one another are selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, carboxyl, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, trifluoromethyl, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, hydroxyl, amino, C₁-C₆-alkylamino and nitro.

3. (previously presented): The compound according to Claim 1, whereby R¹ and R² are hydrogen, R³ is fluorine, R⁴ and R⁵ independently of one another are hydrogen, fluorine or methoxy, R⁶ is trifluoromethyl, R⁷ and R⁸ are hydrogen and R⁹ is phenyl, where phenyl may be substituted by 1 or 2 substituents, where the substituents independently of one another are selected from the group consisting of methyl, methoxy, ethoxy, fluorine and chlorine.

4. (previously presented): A method for preparing a compound of formula (I) according to Claim 1, comprising the step of reacting a compound of formula (II)



in which

R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ are as defined in Claim 1, and

R¹⁰ represents alkyl,

with a base.

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended): A method for preparing a medicament ~~for the treatment, prophylaxis, or treatment and prophylaxis of diseases~~ comprising mixing a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 with a pharmaceutically suitable excipient.

7. (currently amended): A method for preparing a medicament for the treatment, prophylaxis, or treatment and prophylaxis of viral infections comprising mixing a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 with a pharmaceutically suitable excipient, wherein the viral infection is an infection with the human cytomegalovirus (HCMV) or another representative of the group of herpesviridae.

8. (canceled)

9. (previously presented): A medicament comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as defined in claim 1 in combination with a further active compound.

10. (previously presented): A medicament comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as defined in claim 1 in combination with an inert nontoxic, pharmaceutically acceptable auxiliary.

11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended): A method for ~~controlling~~ treating viral infections in humans and animals by administering an antivirally effective amount of at least one compound according to claim 1, wherein the viral infection is an infection with the human cytomegalovirus (HCMV) or another representative of the group of herpes viridae.

13. (new): A method for the prophylaxis of viral infections in humans and animals by administering an antivirally effective amount of at least one compound according to claim 1, wherein the viral infection is an infection with the human cytomegalovirus (HCMV) or another representative of the group of herpes viridae.